



Excelsior College



Undergraduate Certificate in Homeland Security

STUDENT DATA:

NAME: ROADMAP'S DEGREE

SSN: 000-00-0000

Credit Potential
Required Credit

Program Overview

The online Homeland Security Certificate will introduce you to domestic and international terrorism issues and strategies for countering terrorist threats. In addition, you'll learn ways to identify best practices for successful security planning and threat assessment. The key principles of emergency management and disaster planning will be presented as you learn to deal with both man-made and natural threats.

International Terrorism (CJ 350)

3.00

(This course provides an examination of the history, political and religious contexts, and modern manifestations of international terrorism and terrorist organizations. Terrorism originating in the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and Latin America will be included.)

Domestic Terrorism (CJ 352)

3.00

(This course provides an examination of terrorism originating in the United States. Right-wing groups (such as those rooted in racial purity, ideologies, or anti-government causes) and left-wing groups (such as Marxist organizations and eco-terror groups) will be explored. Current strategies for combating American-grown terrorism will also be considered.)

Managing Homeland Security (CJ 354)

3.00

(This course provides an exploration of principles and practices regarding the management of homeland security operations, including but not limited to emergency management and disaster planning, incident mitigation, coordination among federal, state, and local agencies, grant writing, public affairs, etc.)

Counterterrorism (CJ 450)

3.00

(This course provides an in-depth examination of counterterrorism efforts and strategies in the United States and abroad. The successes and failures of strategies throughout history will be considered. In addition, the respective roles of the intelligence, law enforcement, and military communities in the United States and around the world in responding to and thwarting terrorism will be discussed.)

Security Planning and Assessment (CJ 452)

3.00

(This course provides an exploration of theories and practices behind security planning and threat assessment. Emphasis is placed on physical

security practices and countermeasures within the context of critical infrastructure targets, including public buildings, airports, power suppliers, and large-scale public attractions/gatherings.)

Excess or Duplicate Credit

TOTAL	15.00	0.00
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Thank you for requesting support from the U.S. Coast Guard Institute (CGI). Whereas we serve as an activity in support of your unit Educational Services Officer (ESO), you are encouraged to seek assistance from your local ESO in your academic endeavors. The following information is provided to help you understand what is presented in this degree plan:

This document is an UNOFFICIAL Degree Plan to provide you with a preliminary assessment of how your prior learning experiences might fit into the specified degree program for this academic institution. If you choose to pursue this degree option, you must present it to a college representative, who will review it for the following:

- o Accurate representation of the college's degree program requirements, including course numbers and titles, credit hours for each course, lower- and upper-level course requirements, and the total number of credits needed for the degree.

- o Appropriate assignment of ACE Guide-recommended credit at the lower or upper level for military service schools and occupations, CLEP, DSST, and other tests, transfer credit for courses from other colleges and universities, certification programs, etc.

- o Appropriate assignment of SOC Course Category Codes from the SOC Handbook Transferability Tables. The SOC Degree Program Handbooks can be obtained from the SOC web site at: www.soc.aascu.org should you wish to learn more about the course transfer guarantees among SOC network institutions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When you are ready to seek admission into this degree program, please contact the USCG Institute at 1-405-954-7241. Your advisor will send the college or university an official U.S. Coast Guard Institute transcript, a copy of the degree plan, and a ready-for-signature SOC Student Agreement which, when signed by a college official, becomes a contract for degree completion committing the college or university to supporting you in your academic endeavors.

Credit for all courses you have taken must be reflected on official transcripts sent directly to this college from the administrative offices of the colleges you previously attended. This degree plan is often used for information purposes by college counselors pending receipt of the official transcripts from the source colleges.

This degree plan is not intended to compete with your local college or university. Keep in mind, you are allowed to transfer in a significant amount of the degree requirements to this institution. As such, credit from local colleges, college level examination programs, or advanced military training may be applied to this degree. You may also complete the courses necessary from this college either in residence (on campus or possibly on a military base at a campus extension in the Education Center) or through distance delivery of the courses. If you have

questions, please contact the college counselor or your advisor listed at the bottom of this Degree Plan.

DEGREE PLAN LEGEND:

SH = Semester hours
VOC = Vocational, not relative to an academic degree
LL = Lower Level, i.e. courses at the Freshman/Sophomore level
UL = Upper Level, i.e. courses at the Junior/Senior level
GL = Graduate Level (sometimes recommended by ACE for very complex courses)
[#] such as [EN024A] or [EN024B] = SOC Course Category Codes*
{#} such as {DANTES Code = 01.02.03} = DANTES Academic Codes **

* SOC Course Category Codes: Service members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) is a consortium of over 1,600 accredited colleges and universities seeking to provide degree opportunities to the military. Over 170 of these institutions participate in network degree programs developed for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. A SOC course category number beside a course from one of these institutions, such as [EN024A] or [EN024B] for English Composition, indicates that courses from other degree program institutions with the same code may be taken to satisfy the degree requirement. See the SOC Degree Programs Handbooks at <http://www.soc.aascu.org/>

** DANTES Academic Codes: The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) publishes the DANTES Independent Study Catalog (DISC) annually, which lists more than 6,000 courses from dozens of regionally accredited colleges and universities. Because this is a degree from a SOC affiliated college, the academic residency requirements are limited, thereby allowing students to transfer in a significant portion of the degree, as mentioned above. If the course you desire to take is not offered by this institution when you want to take it, consider the opportunities the courses in the DISC present. For more information, visit http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/distancelearning/disc/front/cont.htm Keep in mind, you should always check with the counselor or academic advisor at this institution before enrolling in a course listed in the DISC to ensure it will be accepted in transfer toward this degree.

Excelsior College (EC) General Information

If earning your degree is a life goal, Excelsior College is for you. Founded on the philosophy that "what you know is more important than where or how you learned it,"® Excelsior College recognizes there are many valid sources of learning. And that learning can mean credit toward your degree at Excelsior College. Excelsior College starts by evaluating the credit you have already earned. They look for possible credits from the following sources: courses you've already taken at other regionally accredited colleges and universities, distance education courses, college credit examinations, corporate training, and military training. Then they assist you by identifying the remaining courses needed to fulfill curriculum requirements and, when completed, they confer the degree. Excelsior College proudly counts some 40,000 current and former military personnel among its more than 100,000 graduates worldwide.

Tuition and Program Costs:

The 2005-2006 nonrefundable application fee is \$50. The tuition for the courses is \$250 per credit hour (\$205 for military personnel). Non-matriculated students pay an additional \$10 matriculation fee per course.

To discuss your next step toward earning this certificate with Excelsior College, contact:

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Albany, NY 12203-5159
Toll-free phone: 1-888-647-2388
E-mail: selfrev@excelsior.edu
Website: <http://www.excelsior.edu>

POLICY NOTES:

Course terms begin every two months and you can apply for the Certificate program at any time using the downloadable application form.

Students who complete the Certificate in Homeland Security will earn 15 undergraduate credits, all of which may be applied toward the Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts, Criminal Justice major, or toward the Bachelor of Science, Liberal Studies degree. Excelsior College students should consult with their Academic Advisor before enrolling in this program or registering for courses. Acceptance of these courses by another college or university is at that institution's discretion.

Coursework can be transferred into this program if the faculty determines that the course work is comparable to the courses offered by Excelsior College, you may transfer up to two courses into the program. This course work can be no more than five years old. You must take three out of the five required courses at Excelsior College and maintain an overall 2.0 GPA in the Certificate.

This college is rated as one of the nation's best in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" issue.

Evaluation completed by: Charles Morrison

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